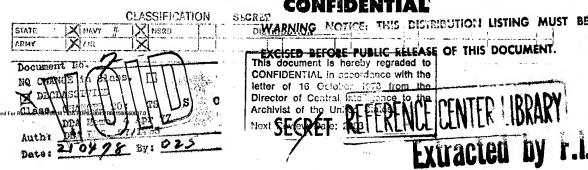
GLASSIE GAHON TOWN. 2-02 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY LUS AGITAMBRITA REDUKT NO 25X1A COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone) DATE DISTR24 May 1948 SUBJECT Construction Activity at Rostock and NO. OF PAGES 2 Warmoniinde 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS. CONFIDENTIAL CLISTED DELOWS SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1X REPORT NO. 1. Large railway transports of forced laborers pass daily through the Restock station on their way to the new prison camps at Buchhelz. 25X1A Comment: It is not known which of the several leachities by the name of Buchhols in Mecklonburg is the site of these camps.) 4M/Most of the prisoners are Germans, but Poles, Lithuanians, and, since carly April, Romanians are also included in these transports. The rail 4M shipments are supervised by German police and MED personnel, while the camps at Buchholm are generated by mussian soldiers-probably military 115.4 2. Large numbers of barracks are being constructed in the labor camps, but most prisoners live in tents. Now arrivals in Morch and April had no shelter whatsoever, and were forwed for two to three weeks to sleep on the ground. No reliable estimates of the number of prisoners at Buchholz have been arrived at, but, from the daily arrival of 1,500 to 2,000 men during March and April, it may be concluded that the camps contained approximately 60,000 morkers by the middle of April 1948. 3. It is rumored that there forced laborous will be employed in the building of a canal for the linking of Rostock-Carnendede with the industrial areas of Central Germany. It is also possible, however, that this large labor force will be exclusively engaged in construction work in the harbors of Rostock and harneminds. There is much activity, for instance, on the premises of the former Reptun-Werft, which have tripled in size since the end of the var and upon which a number of new slipways are being created. Three thousand now workers, principally metal craftsmen from the former Sauckel-Werke in Thuringia, were added to the labor force of the Neptun-Werft on 1 April 1948. The section of the yard which is engaged on Soviet orders has been carefully fonced off and employs 4,000 workers, Sixteen to twenty 1,200-ton coastal steamers were on the ways or. 12 April 1948. It is possible that four of these vessels are not part of the Baltic construction program, but are, rather, to be used as ferries in Kronstadt harbor. The rumors which hint that submarines are being built in the restricted 4.

The rumors which hint that submarines are being built in the restricted portions of the yards are probably false, since there are no facilities **CONFIDENTIAL**





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in Rostock for the easting and forging of the various specialized parts which are involved in the construction of underwater craft. The arrival of prefabricated submarine parts from elsewhere in the Zone would not, by reason of their size and peculiar shape, escape detection. It is more likely that subchasers and minesweepers are being built in the restricted sections of the shippards.

Underground bunkers--probably former German submarine pens-have been strengthened and enlarged. Subterranean masoline reservoirs and pumping stations are also ready for use. Inaddition, a pipeline is being extended to Heiligendamm (0-62), where a Russian scaplane base is in the process of construction. Precise information on this base is unobtainable, since all points within twenty kilometers of Heiligendamm are within a closely-guarded restricted area.



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